

ore, by the payment of a small sum, an individual can insure the means of himself or any member of his family, or even of death. These "burial societies" are numerous, and the horrible fact has been that, on the birth of a child, its name has frequently entered its name on the list of ten or twenty different societies, and allowing the poor infant to die from neglect, have realized large sums from these societies, for the apparent purpose of giving the child a decent burial. It is asserted that the sum in this way have in some instances reached to £40 or £50—thus literally making a trade, and one's own flesh and blood the price for the shamble. For the sake of nature we refuse to believe this tale. More than hindoo infanticide, and told of in our country too. It cannot be true.

rs. In Dr. Lardner's Lecture on Comets announced that, according to the calculation of our system is visited regularly by 7,500 comets. The French astronomer has, by observation, ascertained that within the Mercury thirty comets regularly have perihelion—that is, have their nearest point to the sun; and the same is true of an equal amount of space in any part of the system. He estimates, too, that he can see but half the comets, and, from measuring the space within the limits of Herschel's observations, brought out the result of 7,500 comets. They are vaporous substance, the extreme thinness of which may be illustrated by that stars have been distinctly seen in the head of a comet, which head was miles in diameter. A very light fog that met of last year, he thinks, must have lit the sun. It is a fact, he affirms, that with each revolution approach nearer the sun, he argues that they probably have, and gain, become merged in that great luminous mass, the effect of the ether or fluid which is throughout all space. The effect of this is the same on the plants, and the result inevitably be that they, and our earth with them, at some incalculably distant future, will be up in the great reservoir of light.

COLORED IMPOSTER DETECTED. A colored man named Wm. Johnson, was on Wednesday arrested in Pittsburgh, under false pretences. He presented himself to have once been a free man, but had purchased his freedom of his wife and several children, who were yet in bondage of the Southern States, but in what part we did not learn. His tale was very interestingly told, and at once enlisted the sympathy of all upon whom he called. He succeeded in imposing upon the generosity of a large number of persons, and collected a handsome sum of money. The money collected, he spent in purchasing country in Ohio, which he forwarded to his accusers in Pittsburgh to sell for him. They divided the spoils among them, and at the end of the year each was enabled to pocket a handsome sum of money as his share of the profits. He visited other cities and towns. It is supposed that he has been travelling the country over, and has amassed quite a neat fortune. He has his pitiful tale of woe! He has several accomplices, who are supposed to be white men. He was, in default of bail, committed to

There is a root of fennel growing in a garden at Westford, England, which is supposed to be a growing 254 years.

A machine for extracting teeth. It takes out jaw and all at one operation.

Another new invention is that of thick bottoms to tumblers in bar-rooms. These thick bottoms make you believe that you have got a great deal of liquor, when, in fact, you might put your finger in and push it all out. They are coming into us in this city, we understand."

CASE OF REV. C. T. TORREY. The grand jury of the city of Baltimore found a presentment against the individual on Tuesday, for enticing away certain slaves of Henry Heckrotte. Mr. T. has addressed a letter to the Baltimore American, in which he denies the correctness of the accounts which recently appeared in the papers, in reference to his attempted escape.

DEATH WARRANT. The warrant for the execution of Samuel Brainerd, alias Zephon, colored, convicted of the murder of Guffy Todd, at Philadelphia, was received from the Governor by the Sheriff on Monday. Brainerd is to be hung in the yard of the Moyamensing prison, on Friday, the eighth day of November next.

Mr G. M. Wright died on the 3d inst., at his residence in Worton, Kentco., Md., after a brief illness, occasioned by the sting of a spider, or some other poisonous insect.

THOUGHTFUL. The editor of the Nashua Oasis, in view of the approaching thanksgiving, exclaims—"Let the world well to do in the world," while enjoying their plenty, remember the printer and other poor people, and by so doing receive the approbation of Heaven and an approving conscience."

A new married couple from down east were taking their nocturnal repose, and talking over "matters and things," when a heavy thunder clap and vivid flashes of lightning filled them with terror and fearful apprehensions. Suddenly a tremendous crash caused the loving couple to start as though they had received an electric shock. Jonathan, throwing his arm around his dear, exclaimed—"Hug up to me, Liz; let's die like men!"

RESTLESS SPIRIT OF YANKEES. The restless, emigrating spirit of New England has never seemed so strikingly illustrated, as in the instance of an old house at Edgarton, Mass., which has been inhabited 200 years, has been the birthplace of over 150 persons, but not a death has occurred within its walls.

The Christian Observer of Friday records the death of the Rev. George H. Apton, missionary in India. Mr. A. died at Oodipoity, Ceylon, on the 8th of June last, aged 46 years. Mr. Apton was from Quincy, Mass. He graduated at Yale College in 1829, and at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1829, and left the United States for his mission in 1833.

The Baltimore Sun states that quite a number of persons in that city, having embraced the doctrines of Father Miller, are closing their places of business, and giving away their clothing, &c., fully impressed with the idea that they will have no further use for any thing appertaining to worldly affairs.

MILLERISM. The Meredith Bridge, (N. H.) Gazette gives several instances of respectable men, who have made arrangements for the coming of the Bridegroom, and who expect to hear the midnight cry on the 22d October.

majority in the State at from 3000 to 4000. Both branches in the Legislature will probably have a Whig majority. Of the 21 Congressmen, 10 Democrats have thus far been elected and 8 Whigs. The two vacancies in the present Congress have been filled by Whigs. The Legislature, using Whigs, secures the election of a Whig U. S. Senator, in place of the present Democratic incumbent.

GEORGIA. The vote is small compared with that of the Governor last year, and the Democratic gain considerable. The Congressional delegation will consist probably of five Whigs and three Democrats.

The Democratic party has gained so far, 2,179 votes, and lost 297, showing a clear gain of 2,881.

NEW JERSEY. The majority for Charles C. Stratton, (Whig,) for Governor, as nearly as it can be ascertained, is 1,397. Whig majority on joint ballot in the Legislature, 29. Democratic majority on joint ballot in 1840, 18.

PENNSYLVANIA. The Ledger of Monday gives returns from all the Counties in the State but three, with the following result. They give

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In the three counties to hear from, Harrison's majority in 1840 was 349.

THE MILLERITE FOLLY. A notice was lately inserted in the Democrat at Haverhill, of Gilman Child of Landaff, aged 38, who left his home on Saturday, the 28th ult., in a paroxysm of mental derangement, from religious fanaticism, produced by attending the meetings of the Millerites; or, as they style themselves, "Come Outers." He has not since been heard of, although search has been made for several days by hundreds of men. He had on an old brown coat, and Scotch grey pantaloons. His hat has been found four miles from home.

WATERMELON MOLASSES. Uriah Johnson, a citizen of Carolina, has extracted from Watermelon a syrup equal to molasses, which would produce sugar of good quality. The syrup is obtained by boiling the juice three hours in a common iron pot, eight gallons making one gallon of excellent syrup. He thinks one acre of common sand hill land would produce watermelons enough to make 200 gallons of syrup equal to the best molasses. The refuse of the melon makes capital food for the hogs, and thus nothing is lost.

Among the distinguished strangers now in Philadelphia, is Mrs. Hamilton, relict of Gen. Alexander Hamilton, one of the most distinguished men of our country. Although nearly ninety years of age, she is lively and cheerful, and relates anecdotes of revolutionary times, with all the fervor and imagination of youth.

It is said that a new and very rich Gold Mine has been discovered on the lands of Col. Wm. Hancock, in the upper part of Moore county, N. C. The ore is said to be worth from 10 to 20 dollars a bushel, so far as it has been examined. It is embedded in blue flint stone. One of the veins is 12 feet wide; but the richest vein is from 8 to 12 inches wide.

ITALIAN PAINTER DEAD. Vincent Camucianni, the most celebrated of the Italian painters of the present day, died a short time since at Rome, in the 70th year of his age.

with the revenue department for the last thirty years, and by the descendants of such as are dead. All debtors in the amount of six thousand and ten shillings or less (to the treasury) are ordered to pay up in six months; and among these debtors it appears that there are a hundred and forty mandarins, and forty princes of the blood, but their rank is no exemption.

The son of Pwanshegan, a Minister of State, having practised deceit at the examination, and so by improper means obtained rank, his father requests to be sent before the Board of Punishment for trial. So ordered, he being responsible for the conduct of his offspring.

Demand for the Bible. The great demand for the sacred scriptures for the destitute at our own doors, continues to increase. The Bible Society distributed 45,000 Bibles and Testaments last month. The Board of Managers are now in want of means to supply those who have not the Scriptures and who cannot afford to purchase them.

Colored People at Cuba. Orders have been issued by the Spanish Government to its Consuls in the United States and elsewhere, directing them to grant no passports to colored people for the island of Cuba, as such persons are prohibited from entering the territory of that island.

James E. Cooley, author of a work on Egypt, was tried in the Court of Sessions, on Wednesday, and found guilty of a technical assault, on May last, in the store of the Messrs. Appletons, upon George R. Gliddon, the distinguished lecturer on Egyptian Antiquities.

Maine owns 350,000 tons of Shipping, about one sixth part of which belongs to the city of Portland.

MARRIAGES.

In this city, 6th inst., by Rev. L. L. Sudder, Mr. William K. Jewett, of this city, to Miss Margaret J. Allen, of Augusta. 11th inst., by Rev. Mr. Coodit, Dr. Alexander Parsons, of Eastport, to Miss Ann Maria Bradish, of Portland.
In Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Jeremiah P. Strout, to Miss Harriet Sawyer.
In Westbrook, Mr. James N. Reed, to Miss Harriet R. S. Stevens.
In Pownal, by Rev. Mr. Hamblin, Mr. Henry M. Warren to Miss Mary Jane Knight.
In Bath, 3d inst., Capt. William H. Duceau, to Miss Abigail P. Magoun.
In Richmond, 6th inst., Capt. Redford Tallman, to Miss Nancy Anna Allen.
In Brunswick, 3d inst., Warren Rundle, Esq., of Alna, to Miss Frances F., daughter of Capt. Roger Merrill, of B.
In Cornish, 26th ult., Col. Thomas S. Griffin, of Freeport, to Miss Lucy Ann Boynton, of C.
In Sebasticook, Mr. Caleb S. Smith, of Brook Farm Association, Roxbury, Mass., and formerly of Augusta, to Miss Lydia P. Wing, of S.
In Parsonsfield, Mr. Danville D. Sweet, of Turner, to Miss Joanna Ricker, of P.
In Bangor, Mr. Elihu McLeall, of Frankfort, to Mrs. Sarah N. Rider, of B.

DEATHS.

In this city, 10th inst., of consumption, Dr. J. N. Frink, Surgeon-Dentist, aged 36. In this city, 11th inst., Miss Emily K. Relyth. The deceased was, prior to her death, an Assistant Teacher in Female Grammar School, No. 2. Edward P., son of Wm. W. Cole. At the hospital, Wm. Emerson, aged 25. 6th inst., Mr. James Dennis, aged 65. A child of Mr. Philip Wahm, aged 13 months. Thomas Frances, aged 17. 7th inst., Mary F., daughter of Ira Tibbets, aged 15 months. 9th, Ferdinand Augustus, son of Mr. Daniel Leavitt, aged 16 months.
In Boston, Mrs. Bethiah H. Fuller, formerly of Farmington, aged 28.
In Westbrook, Mrs. Elizabeth Porterfield, aged 99 years.
In Lisbon, Harriet N., wife of T. S. Mitchell, of North Bridgewater, Mass., aged 24.
In Bath, Mrs. Nancy, wife of Rev. John W. Ellingwood, aged 59.